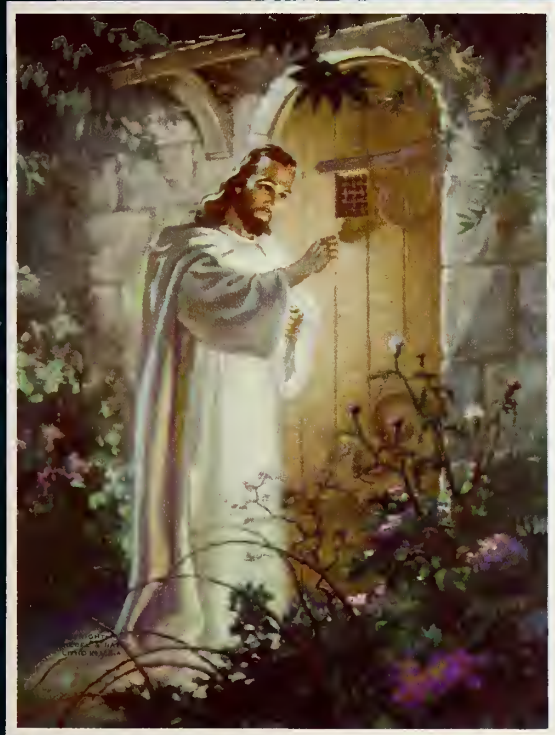


LOYALTY TO CHRIST



Our Work and the Church
to be Run Up and Build
New Church of the Brethren

Except the Lord build the house, their labour
is vain that build it. - Psalm 127:1.

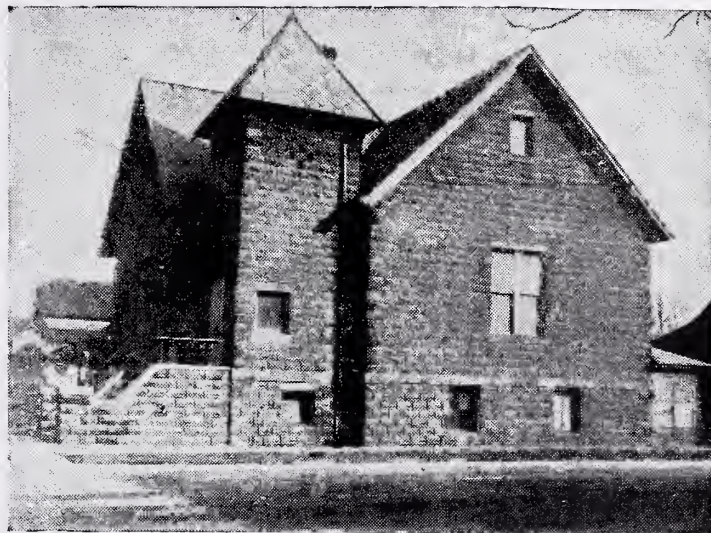
DEDICATION

The pages that follow will open the gates
of a new life to us as Christians and a
vision of our responsibility for the future
of our Church. It will present a challenge
for tomorrow. This booklet is affectionately
dedicated to the laymen and laywomen of
this congregation. By their vision and faith-
fulness, as well as through their sacrificial
giving, they will show their love for God
and man.

THE CHANGING PICTURE



BARNHART BUILDING
117 South Broadway



CHURCH AT CORNER OF FIFTH AND BENTON
Dedicated March 18, 1912

Our beginning was in the Barnhart building, 117 South Broadway, in a room on the second floor where Sunday School was organized on May 30, 1909. at 2:30 in the afternoon. Services continued in this location until a church house could be built at the present location (corner of Fifth and Benton Sts.). The structure was started in December, 1911, and was dedicated March 18, 1912. Sunday school was first held in the new church March 11. Attendance increased steadily and expansion was necessary by adding Sunday school rooms in the basement, building a balcony, and building an addition on the south side of the church which was dedicated in connection with our 25th anniversary celebration June 6, 1937.



ENLARGED CHURCH
Dedicated June 6, 1937

“To serve the present age

God builds no churches! by His plan
That labor has been left to man.
No spires miraculously rise
No little mission from the skies
Falls on a bleak and barren place
To be a source of strength and grace.
The humblest church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice.

Men call the church the house of God
Toward which the toil-strained pilgrims plod
In search of strength and rest and hope
As blindly through life's mists they grope,
And there God dwells, but it is man
Who builds the house and draws the plan,
Pays for the mortar and the stone,
That none need seek for God alone.

“Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

“....My calling to fulfill

...SACRIFICIALLY

Many of us have never shared in the building of a church home. Through the generosity of others we have been privileged to worship in churches which have been built through the sacrificial efforts of others. We now find ourselves placed together in a growing community and our immediate task is to build, for worship and Spiritual leadership.

This is a challenge to all of us! It is a call to service and Christian Stewardship which offers each an opportunity to measure up to our Christian obligation and responsibility.

As you turn the pages of this booklet we are convinced you will see the urgent need. On the foundation stones of Faith, Prayer and Sacrifice we will be successful.

We now ask your prayers that in all things we may be guided to do His will.

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“....Oh may it all my

FACILITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

The future rests with our children and of great importance in the development of our children is the Sunday School. Facilities providing these little ones with the

surroundings, the atmosphere and the ease of introduction to a church are paramount in our plans for the new church. Rooms of ample size with no distracting influences will be provided.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR ALL

A church is a house of worship. Its purpose is to enable men and women to achieve a sense of God's presence. It is a structure wherein meditation and spiritual devotion can reach its greatest depth. Without overawing, it should stir the heart. It should be beautiful and intimate.

Combined in the plans are the spiritual qualities of the sanctuary and the physical

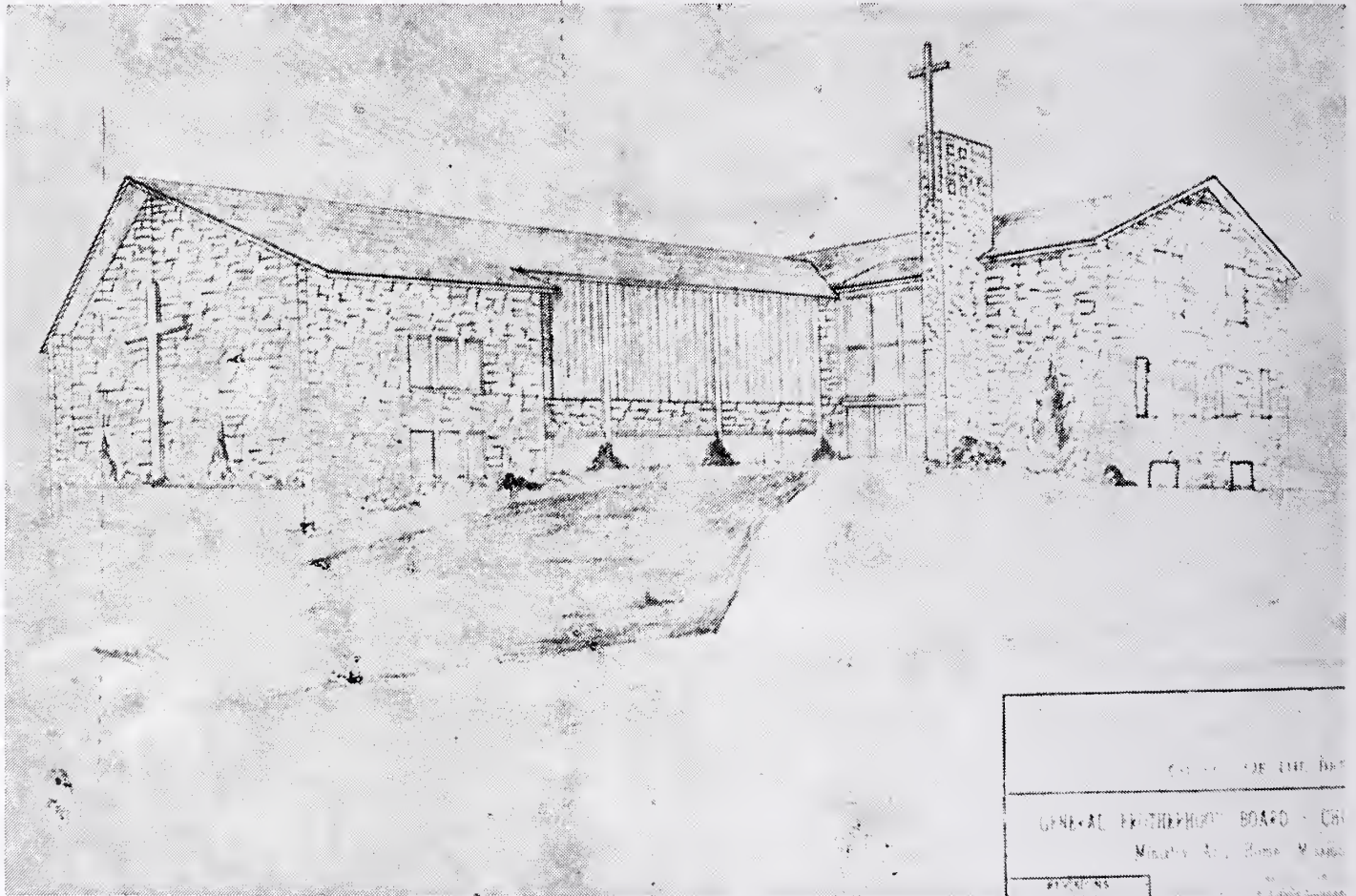
qualities of a building that will accommodate the week-long activities of the church. Neither quality must suffer because of the need for the other. Adequate kitchen facilities, a library, and much needed classroom space are provided. And, in the presence of all these facilities the Peru Church of the Brethren assures its fellowship of the satisfying, happy experiences that only an active church can enjoy.

powers engage....”



View of new church lot at northwest corner of East Fifth and Clay Streets. A beautiful centrally located lot in a clean quiet residential district of Peru promises to make this an ideal location for our new church.

“....To do my Master's will”



Architect's Perspective View of New Church Building.

